


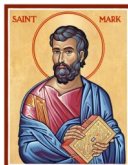




CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>1 Monday in Easter Week</i></p>  <p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>	<p><i>2 Tuesday in Easter Week</i> Curtis & Gayle Fitzhugh Anniversary Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p><i>3 Wednesday in Easter Week</i></p>	<p><i>4 Thursday in Easter Week</i> Brady O'Donnell Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p><i>5 Friday in Easter Week</i></p> <p><i>Cynthia vacation</i> →</p>	<p><i>6 Saturday in Easter Week</i> Gayle Fitzhugh Birthday</p>
<p>7 2 Easter Curtis Fitzhugh, Jr.</p> <p><i>Commissioning the Discernment Committee</i></p>	<p>8 The Annunciation</p> 	<p>9 Tyler Davis Birthday</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Eva Shifflett Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Thomas Wilson Birthday</p>
<p>14 3 Easter Charles Reinhold Birthday</p>	<p>15 Fred Peck Birthday</p>	<p>16 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Tim O'Donnell Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>19 Shepherd & Gail Parrish Anniversary</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 4 Easter</p> <p><i>Vestry Meeting</i></p>	<p>22 Earth Day</p> 	<p>23 Bill Carr Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Saint Mark the Evangelist Sandra Pelletier Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27 Lauren Hill Birthday</p>
<p>28 5 Easter</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>		<p><i>Eucharistic Lectionary Year B</i> <i>Office Lectionary Year 2</i></p>	<p>Sundays: 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Eucharist—Rite II Masks optional</p>	

April 2024 Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Gail and Shepherd Parrish
Counters: Millie Travis, Susette Goodwin

April 7 The Second Sunday of Easter

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Ben Armistead
Usher: Millie Travis
Coffee Host: Fred & Susan Peck

April 14 The Third Sunday of Easter

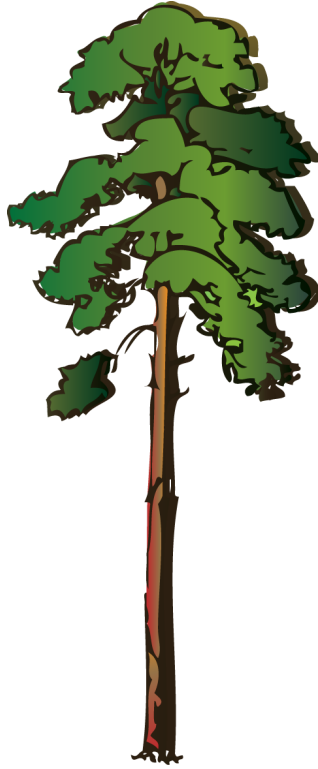
LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Sandra Pelletier
Usher: Kevin Cordray
Coffee Host: Belvia Riner

April 21 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Penn Bowers
Usher: Carolyn Smith
Coffee Host:

April 28 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Pauline Vismer
Usher: Michael Silberman
Coffee Host:



Sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Lawn Mowing for the Church and the Rectory Grounds are available on the counter in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to help! Thank you



Church Rummage Sale Saturday, May 4

Now accepting donations. Bring to the church basement. No large furniture or books. Everything should be clean and in good condition. Thank you!



Why are church doors painted red?

Church doors began to be painted red as a way of remembering the ultimate sacrifice that others had made for their faith. The red doors of churches traditionally signaled a place of sanctuary, refuge, and safety. Those in need would not be captured or harmed inside the holy walls of the church, which offered physical and spiritual protection.

The Messenger

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Change on the horizon

The essence of the Christian spiritual life is not certitude. It is change. The Christian path of spiritual growth means giving ourselves to a process of change that we do not fully understand, nor can we really control. That is what resurrection is all about—it is a paradox of permanent change.

Biblical spirituality insists that humans and societies change. Nature also insists on change. If you look at the natural world, including your own body, you will see that living things and the environments in which they live must continually change. Biological life is a process of continuous change—a permanent newness of life. To say it negatively, failure to change is the very definition of death.

Change is not just about our personal lives, but it also applies to the communities and relationships we form together. We live in a time where we desperately need more change, rather than less. We need it in our politics and our economy, our family structures, our science and our relationship to the earth, and perhaps most significantly our religion has got to change if it is going to be anything more than an irrelevant refuge from the world.

This is a time of change for Christ Church. It is not just a change in rectors. It is not just a fresh coat of paint on the front door. This time of transition invites us to imagine a future together—a future not determined by the past but by what is on the horizon. What changes are you being called to make to walk into that future? As an individual, as a household, as a community? Resurrection life is an unsettling process of becoming new. The first step out of the past is an open heart and mind. God will guide us the rest of the way.

~ Mark Wastler

